

TRAILS & RAILS TRANSPORTATION



Active Transportation

Walking or bicycling to work, school or for errands is a great way to make more active choices. 84.2% of trail users choose trails for travel for health and fitness reasons.

Data Source: Trail Count 2009 and 2012

Trails linked to Rails

San José's General Plan guides development of a balanced transportation system that offers a full range of travel choices. Trails are already one popular choice; with 53% of trail users commuting or running errands along San José trails each weekday*. San José's Green Vision seeks to grow the existing 55+ mile trail network to 100 miles by 2022.

San José's trails are in close proximity to existing Light Rail Stations, and will link to future BART and High Speed Rail stations.

Light-Rail

Existing light-rail trains operated by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) provide nearby access to some of San José's core trails. The Guadalupe River Trail has three stations within two blocks, the Los Gatos Creek Trail has one station that is one block from the trail.

BART

The VTA is extending the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system to Silicon Valley. The Berryessa Station is expected to open in 2015, and an Alum Rock Station is planned in future years. The 16-mile extension project includes direct access to trails. The Penitencia Creek Trail travels directly to the Berryessa Station.

For more information:
www.vta.org/bart

High Speed Rail

Funding from State and Federal sources support a project to link major

California cities with a state-of-the-art transportation choice.

San José's downtown Diridon Station (central train station) will be expanded to support high-speed rail. The master planned Los Gatos Creek Trail will provide nearby access - being one block from the station.

For more information:
www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov

Caltrain

Regional Caltrain is linked to the Highway 87 Bikeway / Tamien Station. Design work now underway to extend the Los Gatos Creek Trail beneath Caltrain rail, and make access to the nearby Diridon Station easier for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Trail-Friendly Planning

- San José ranked No. 2 of 100+ Bay Area cities/counties for "Smart Growth" policies.
- San José has largest share of housing units built near transit.
- San José's General Plan (Envision 2040) recognizes trails as transportation facilities.

